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1. ON JULY 6, 1973, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE USAEC MET WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL TO PRESENT, AND DISCUSS PRELIMINARILY, A DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY BILATERAL (COPY BEING AIRPOUCHED). THE US REQUESTED THE MEETING IN LIGHT OF POLICY DEVELOPMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO CONCLUSION OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT. THESE DEVELOPMENTS RESULTED MAINLY FROM A HIGH LEVEL REVIEW SEVERAL YEARS AGO OF U.S. URANIUM ENRICHMENT CAPACITY AND, MOST RECENTLY, A REVIEW OF THE CRITERIA GOVERNING USAEC PROVISION OF LONG-TERM TOLL ENRICHMENT SERVICES--ON WHICH THE GOS HAS BEEN EXPRESSLY BRIEFED.
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2. THE BASIC IMPACT IS THAT NEW AGREEMENTS OR AMENDMENTS ARE

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BEING WORDED AS DOCUMENTS MERELY AUTHORIZEING CONTRACT COMMIT-
MENTS. (RECENT AMENDMENTS TO THE ATOMIC ENERGY AGREEMENTS WITH
EURATOM AND JAPAN REFLECT THIS NEW APPROACH). THE AGREEMENTS
WOULD NO LONGER REPRESENT ANY ADVANCE SUPPLY ASSURANCE FOR PAR-
TICULAR POWER PROJECTS; SUPPLY COMMITMENTS WOULD OCCUR ONLY UPON
EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS. FURTHER, THE CEILING ON ENRICHED
URANIUM FUEL REQUIREMENTS IS BEING CALCULATED ON A DIFFERENT
BASIS. PURSUANT TO THE NEW TOLL ENRICHMENT CRITERIA, A CUSTOMER
MUST CONTRACT FOR FIRST CORE DELIVERIES EIGHT YEARS IN ADVANCE
OF NEED. WITH THIS REQUIREMENT, THE U-235 CEILING WOULD ACCOM-
MODATE CONTRACTS TO BE SIGNED WITHIN A FIVE-YEAR SPAN, STARTING
IN 1974, WHICH CONTRACTS WOULD CALL FOR FIRST DELIVERIES
EIGHT TO THIRTEEN YEARS AHEAD (1982-1987), AND AS AN INTERIM
MATTER, PROJECTS NEEDING FIRST DELIVERIES IN LESS THAN EIGHT
YEARS. EXISTING PROGRAM WOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED. TOTAL MEGAWATTS
OF THE POWER REACTORS REQUIRING SUCH DELIVERIES WOULD BE THE
OVERALL CEILING FIGURE (AMENDMENT ARTICLE III). THE US WOULD BE
WILLING TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE BILATERAL FOR AN ADDITIONAL
FORTY YEARS, WHICH PERIOD WOULD COVER THE APPROXIMATE THIRTY-
YEAR LIFETIME OF POWER REACTORS AND THE NEW CONTRACTING LEADTIME
REQUIREMENT.
3. WITH RESPECT TO US PROCEDURES FOR INCLUDING AN AMENDMENT
WITH SWEDEN (SECTION 123 OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY ACT), THE FOLLOWING
STEPS NECESSARY: (1) AD REFERENDUM AGREEMENT ON A DRAFT TEXT,
(2) APPROVAL BY THE USAEC COMMISSIONERS, (3) INITIALING OF TEXT,
(4) SUBMISSION OF TEXT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR HIS PERSONAL APPROVAL
AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN, (5) SIGNATURE AND (6) SUBMISSION
TO CONGRESSIONAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON ATOMIC ENERGY FOR 30-DAY
WAITING PERIOD WHILE CONGRESS IS IN SESSION, (7) AFTER COMPLETION
THESE PROCEDURES, USG WOULD BE ABLE DELIVER NOTE CALLED FOR IN
ARTICLE V. PURSUANT TO USUAL PRACTICE, NEGOTIATIONS THIS MATTER
EXPECTED TAKE PLACE WASHINGTON. RUSH

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